

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

December 9, 2002
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TONI NELSON, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; TERRI BRIERE; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMAN KING PARKER. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; VICTORIA RUNKLE, Finance & Information Services Administrator; ELAINE GREGORY, Fiscal Services Director; GINA JARVIS, Finance Analyst Supervisor; SYLVIA DOERSCHEL, Finance Analyst Supervisor; DAWNA TRUMAN, Finance Analyst; JULIE BREWER, Community Relations Manager; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Director; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department.

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATIONS**

School District: 2003 Budget
Artwork, Contributed by 3rd
Graders

Victoria Runkle, Finance and Information Services Administrator, reported that the City of Renton 2003 Budget was illustrated with artwork by 3rd grade students from the Renton School District. While photographs of the artwork were displayed, Ms. Runkle named the student contributors from Benson Hill, Hazelwood, Highlands, Kenneydale, Lakeridge, Maplewood Heights, Renton Park, Sierra Heights, and Tiffany Park Elementary Schools; and Mayor Tanner presented the students with certificates of appreciation. Ms. Runkle expressed her appreciation to the Renton School District, City staff and The Boeing Company for their assistance in bringing the 2003 Budget illustration project to fruition.

Bill Judy, Renton School District Curriculum Resource Teacher, thanked the City of Renton for recognizing the students who participated in the project, and he also thanked the teachers for all of their work on the project.

Human Services: Business
Committed to Kids Award
(Communities in Schools of
Renton)

Jay Leviton, Director of the Renton School District's Career & Life Skills Education program, announced that the Holiday Inn-Select/Renton was chosen as the latest recipient of the Business Committed to Kids award. The award represents a partnership between the City of Renton, Renton School District, Communities in Schools of Renton, Renton Education Center, and the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Leviton described the many contributions that Howard Cohen, Holiday Inn-Select General Manager, and his staff make within the Renton community including assisting Talbot Hill Elementary School with their hosting of the National MicroSociety Conference; supporting the implementation of the Travel and Tourism Academy for high school students; and participating in the Communities in Schools of Renton mentor program.

On behalf of the Holiday Inn-Select, Mr. Cohen expressed his appreciation for the award, and noted that it is important to give back to the community. He

stated his hope that other businesses will be inspired to get involved in the community as well.

Police: Volunteer Recognition

Chief Garry Anderson announced that the Police Department volunteer recognition will be rescheduled for another Council meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2002 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ The City of Renton offers scholarships for low-income Renton residents of all ages to participate in educational and recreational activities offered by the Recreation Division. A total of 122 scholarships have been awarded this year. This program is funded solely by donations from the Renton community, fraternal organizations, and businesses; and is administered by the Human Services Division. Recently, a \$750 donation from the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Renton was received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. Mayor Tanner noted that item 6.c. on the printed agenda has been withdrawn at staff's request.

**Council Meeting Minutes of
December 2, 2002**

Approval of Council meeting minutes of December 2, 2002. Council concur.

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler corrected the Council meeting minutes as indicated:

Page 463, second and third paragraphs under Regional Committees Nomination Process, Regional Planning Committee should be Regional **Policy** Committee.

**EDNSP: 2002 Neighborhood
Grant Program**

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted grant applications for the 2002 Neighborhood Grant Program (second round) and recommended funding three projects in the total amount of \$15,766. Refer to Community Services Committee.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING THE CORRECTION TO THE DECEMBER 2, 2002, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. CARRIED.

**OLD BUSINESS
Community Services
Committee**

**Community Services: 2003
Recreation Fees for Non-
Residents**

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending that the City Council increase parks and recreation fees for non-residents. Fees for people using the City services who are not City residents will pay 20% higher fees than residents will pay for City parks and recreation programs. The staff will review the option of offsetting the non-resident surcharge with volunteer hours. Staff will return to the Community Services Committee with an implementation plan. **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See page 472 for ordinance.)

**Human Services: Funding
(Childcare)**

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding childcare and human services funding. The Committee recommended that the issue of childcare be referred to the Human Services Advisory Committee. The needs, gaps, responsibilities of other funding sources and other initiatives that are looking at childcare can be identified, and possible actions can be recommended. It is also recommended that the Council and the City make a commitment to focus on lobbying the State Legislature on the issue of childcare. **MOVED BY**

CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Library: 2003 Staffing

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding the reallocation of funds for part-time staffing at the library. The Committee recommended that if additional monies become available, Council authorize the reallocation of \$35,000 to Library Fund #106 for the addition of a regular half-time library assistant, plus increasing dollars for temporary hours or pay. This would be beneficial to maintain library services. The second priority will be wage increases for temporary pages and museum staff. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.*

Councilman Clawson noted the critical need for additional library staffing, pointing out that staffing and wages have remained the same while users of the libraries have increased.

*MOTION CARRIED.

Finance Committee

CAG: 02-193, Veterans
Memorial Park Development,
Athletic Fields Inc

Finance Committee Vice Chair Persson presented a report concurring in the staff recommendation to award the Veterans Memorial Park Development project (CAG-02-193) to the second lowest responsive bidder, Athletic Fields, Inc., in the amount of \$195,731.20. The lowest bid submitted was non-responsive. The project's total fund amount is \$414,000, and the bid is within the project's budgeted funds. The Committee further recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Transportation (Aviation)
Committee**

Airport: Business Plan

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding the Renton Municipal Airport twenty-year business plan. The Committee recommended that Council adopt the Renton Municipal Airport Business Plan dated December 5, 2002, which includes the Airport Leasing Policy dated November 15, 2002. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee

Utility: Public Works Fees

Utilities Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation that the proposed changes to the public works fees be approved. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be prepared and submitted to Council for first reading. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utility: Kennydale Sewer Infill
Project, Fund Transfer

Utilities Committee Chair Briere presented a report regarding the additional funding request for the Kennydale Sewer Infill Phase 1 project. The Committee recommended concurrence in the recommendation of staff that funds totaling \$400,000 be transferred from other Wastewater accounts to the Sanitary Sewer Main Extension Account No. 45000. The money will be transferred from the Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement/Rehabilitation project (\$250,000), and the Lift Station Replacement/Rehabilitation project (\$150,000), totaling \$400,000. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: 2003 Sewer Rates Increase

Utilities Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending that Council increase 2003 sewer rate fees by 3% to meet the sewer Capital Improvement Program (CIP) requirements. **MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See page 472 for ordinance.)

Planning & Development Committee

Comprehensive Plan: 2002 Amendment, Springbrook Associates

Planning and Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the Springbrook Associates Comprehensive Plan Amendment (2002-M-07) and related rezone. The Committee reviewed the Springbrook Associates proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment and associated rezone on December 5, 2002. The proposal amends 5.61 acres of Comprehensive Plan designated Center Institution (CI) property to Residential Options (RO), and concurrently rezones the property from Commercial Office (CO) to Residential - 10 (R-10; ten dwelling units per acre). The property is located south of S. 37th St., and west of the dead-end at S. 38th St., west of Talbot Rd. S.

The Committee recommended that Council approve this Comprehensive Plan Amendment and rezone, and that the ordinances amending the Comprehensive Plan and rezoning the property be presented for first reading. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See page 472 for ordinances.)

Committee on Committees

Council: 2003 Committee Assignments

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler presented a Committee on Committees report recommending the following committee chairmanships and committee assignments for the Council for 2003:

Community Services Committee: Toni Nelson, Chair; King Parker, Vice Chair; Randy Corman, Member.

Finance Committee: King Parker, Chair; Randy Corman, Vice Chair; Don Persson, Member.

Planning and Development Committee: Terri Briere, Chair; Dan Clawson, Vice Chair; King Parker, Member.

Public Safety Committee: Dan Clawson, Chair; Don Persson, Vice Chair; Toni Nelson, Member.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee: Don Persson, Chair; Toni Nelson, Vice Chair; Terri Briere, Member.

Utilities Committee: Randy Corman, Chair; Terri Briere, Vice Chair; Dan Clawson, Member.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Police: Staffing

Councilman Clawson reported that the subject of adding an additional police officer in 2003 will be discussed at the Council retreat.

Committee of the Whole
Budget: 2003 Annual City of Renton

Council President Nelson presented a report recommending that the City Council adopt the 2003 City of Renton Annual Budget in a total amount for all funds of \$142,401,100.

The Committee further directed the following issues be addressed:

- The Council will review adding a police officer position, library staffing, and historical preservation funding at their annual retreat.
- Decreasing the proposed budget by \$98,000 and placing this money in reserve to be allocated after the 2003 Council retreat.
- Funding of Renton Airport staffing, which will be reviewed mid-year.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.*

In response to Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler's inquiry, Finance and Information Services Administrator Victoria Runkle confirmed that the committed expenditures are in the amount of \$142,401,100, and the reserves will increase by \$98,000.

*MOTION CARRIED. (See later this page for ordinance.)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #3607

SCA: Regional Committee
Nomination Process

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read supporting Councilwoman Kathy Keolker-Wheeler for the Growth Management Planning Council and Regional Policy Committee, and Councilman King Parker for the Regional Water Quality Committee. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 12/16/2002 for second and final reading:

Budget: 2003 Annual City of
Renton

An ordinance was read adopting the City of Renton Annual Budget for the year 2003 in the total amount of \$142,401,100. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/16/2002. CARRIED.

Community Services: 2003
Recreation Fees for Non-
Residents

An ordinance was read increasing the non-resident recreation fees for 2003. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/16/2002. CARRIED.

Finance: 2003 Sewer Rates
Increase

An ordinance was read amending Section 8-5-15, Sewer Charges, of Chapter 5, Sewers, of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation) of City Code by a 3% rate increase. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/16/2002. CARRIED.

Comprehensive Plan: 2002
Amendment, Springbrook
Associates

An ordinance was read adopting the 2002 amendments to the City's 1995 Comprehensive Plan, maps and data in conjunction therewith. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/16/2002. CARRIED.

Rezone: Springbrook
Associates, S 37th St, CO to
R-10

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of approximately 5.61 acres located south of S. 37th St., and west of the dead-end at S. 38th St. west of Talbot Rd. S. from Commercial Office (CO) to Residential Options (RO) Residential - 10 (R-10; ten dwelling units per acre) zoning; Springbrook

Associates (CPA 2002-M-07), File No. R-01-162. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/16/2002. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Ordinance #4989

Finance: 2003 Property Tax Levy

An ordinance was read establishing the property tax levy for the year 2003 for both general purposes and for voter approved bond issues. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #4990

Planning: Employment Area Valley, Freestanding Sign Code Amendment

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 4, City-Wide Property Development Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code to allow a freestanding sign height of 115 feet, for big-box retail developments of 350,000 square feet in building area or more, in the Employment Area Valley. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #4991

Planning: Urban Center Design Overlay Regulations, Application to Small Multi-Family Projects

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 3, Environmental Regulations and Overlay Districts, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code to apply Urban Center Design Guidelines to multi-family projects of two to four units, and to properties rezoned from Commercial Office (CO) to Center Downtown (CD) and Residential Multi-Family Urban (RM-U) as a result of the South Renton Neighborhood Plan. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #4992

Utility: Aquifer Protection Code Amendments

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-3-050 of Chapter 3, Environmental Regulations and Special Districts; Section 4-4-060 of Chapter 4, Property Development Standards; Section 4-8-120 of Chapter 8, Permits and Decisions; and Section 4-9-015 of Chapter 9, Procedures and Review Criteria; of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by amending aquifer protection regulations. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Development Services: Temporary Signs Obscuring Established Neighborhood Signs

Stating that she attended the Maplewood Glen neighborhood sign dedication, Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler reported a problem concerning the blockage of the new neighborhood sign by temporary real estate signs. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE ISSUE OF TEMPORARY SIGNS NEAR ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNS TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Fagan – Temporary Office Space Donation

Councilman Clawson noted the receipt of a letter from Rick Fagan, Director of Fagan Recovery Solutions, 23220 Maple Valley Hwy., Suite 204, Maple Valley, 98038, concerning the recent closing of the Cedar Hills Substance Abuse Treatment Center due to King County's budgetary constraints. Mr. Fagan reported that while he is negotiating with King County to acquire the facility, temporary office space is needed; and he requested that the City donate

temporary office space.

Responding to Councilman Clawson's inquiry, Mayor Tanner reported that Community Services Administrator Jim Shepherd will respond to Mr. Fagan's letter informing him of the City's inability to provide the office space; however, he commended Mr. Fagan on his efforts to continue the treatment center. Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler suggested that the Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department may be able to assist Mr. Fagan in obtaining an office space donation.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL
ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:32 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
December 9, 2002